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1. CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF OLD HEAD MISSION G-191 OF 19 FEBRUARY 1971 OF THE SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS IN CIENFUEGOS, CUBA REVEALED THE AFT CRANE OF THE URGAS-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) EXTENDING OVER THE N-CLASS SUBMARINE (SSN) ALONGSIDE. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF THE CRANE WAS BEING USED TO SERVICE THE SUBMARINE OR FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE SUCH AS THE RAISING OR LOWERING OF THE URGAS'S SMALL BOATS. ON COVERAGE OF [REDACTED] THE CRANE WAS EXTENDING AFT OVER THE SUBTENDER'S SUPERSTRUCTURE AND ON [REDACTED] IT WAS RAISED AND EXTENDING FORWARD. 25X1

2. THERE ARE NO HATCHES ON THE N-CLASS SUBMARINE WITHIN REACH OF THE CRANE. THE POSITION OF AT LEAST TWO OF THE SMALL BOATS HANDLED BY THE CRANE CHANGED BETWEEN [REDACTED] 25X1

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